



"The City With a Heart"

Larry Franzella, Mayor
Ken Ibarra, Vice Mayor
Rico E. Medina, Councilmember
Irene O'Connell, Councilmember
Jim Ruane, Councilmember

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

March 27, 2007

7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER: THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT The San Bruno City Council met in regular session on March 27, 2007 at the San Bruno Senior Center, 1555 Crystal Springs Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Franzella thanked the **San Bruno Garden Club** for providing the beautiful floral arrangement.

2. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Presiding was Mayor Franzella with Vice Mayor Ibarra and Councilmembers Ruane, Medina and O'Connell in attendance. Recording by Clerk Bonner. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Interim Community Development Director Aknin.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Franzella announced this Saturday is the annual Pancake Breakfast beginning at 9:00 a.m. and the Easter Egg Hunt, which begins at 10:00 a.m. This event is open to everyone.

4. PRESENTATIONS: None.

5. REVIEW OF AGENDA: No changes.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular City Council Meeting of March 13, 2007, approved as submitted.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR: All items listed are considered routine or implement an earlier Council action and may be enacted by one motion; there will be no separate discussion unless requested by a Councilmember, citizen or staff.

a. **Approve:** Payroll of March 9, 2007.

b. **Approve:** Accounts Payable of March 5 and 12, 2007.

c. **Accept:** Reconciliation of General Ledger to Bank Reports and the Investment Reports Dated February 28, 2007, as Submitted by City Treasurer John Marty.

d. **Approve:** Out-of-State Travel for Cable Director and Business Manager to Attend the National Cable Television Association's Cable Show 2007 in Las Vegas, Nevada on May 7-9, 2007.

e. **Adopt:** Resolution Approving Installation of Four New Red Curb No Parking Zones at South San Anselmo Avenue and Santa Domingo Avenue.

f. **Adopt:** Resolution of Intention to Amend the Classification Plan of the Personnel Rules and Regulations to Adopt the Job Descriptions for the Cable Television Department for Warehouse Clerk and Lead CATV Customer Service & Technical Support Representative.

Councilmember Medina requested Item 7.e. be pulled. **M/S Ruane/Medina** to approve the remainder of the calendar and passed with all ayes.

Councilmember Medina commented on the poor visibility at the corner of South San Anselmo and Santa Domingo Avenues and while this proposal is a start, he asked it be monitored for six months and brought back to the TSPC to see if it helped to address the concerns of the citizens in the area. **Vice Mayor Ibarra** concurred.

M/S Medina/Ibarra to approve Item 7.e. to be brought back in six months and passed with all ayes.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Hold Public Hearing and Adopt Resolution Approving the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Fire Chief Voreyer reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Franzella opened the hearing to the public. No member of the public wished to comment.

Mayor Franzella asked if there was a motion to close the public hearing.

M/S Medina/Ruane to close the public hearing and passed with all ayes.

Vice Mayor Ibarra noted this was a good plan.

Councilmember O'Connell asked for clarification of wildland-urban interface threat areas. **Chief Voreyer** said these are areas like Crestmoor Canyon that interface with homes. In reference to tsunamis, she asked about the SSF sewage plant. **Chief Voreyer** said SSF had identified it in their hazard plan and he would get back to clarify.

Vice Mayor Ibarra introduced the resolution for adoption and passed with a unanimous vote.

9. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS:

a. Receive Report on City's Employee Home Loan Program.

City Manager Jackson as a recipient of a City loan excused herself from this agenda item.

Finance Director O'Leary gave an overview of the staff report and asked Council for questions.

Vice Mayor Ibarra asked if more applicants would be attracted to the program by eliminating the cap and the first time homeowner feature in San Bruno.

Director O'Leary said yes, there have been inquiries in recent years. He felt these changes would promote recruitment as well as retention of employees interested in the program.

Vice Mayor Ibarra suggested the employees be surveyed.

Mayor Franzella said he felt the loans should be stepped up to reflect a percentage of the current average sales price. He said he did not want the City to become a bank and he felt the funds should be designated for purchase only.

Councilmember O'Connell concurred with the increase and the Mayor clarified this be limited to purchase and asked staff to come back to Council.

b. Adopt Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Godbe Research in the Amount of \$48,220 to Conduct Voter Research.

Library Director Jackson reviewed the staff report and asked for questions.

Vice Mayor Ibarra asked why Godbe was the choice?

Director Jackson said it has to be done right and Godbe conducted the prior survey in 2000. She said today they have offices throughout the State and their expertise is in libraries. Focus groups will also be added to the survey.

Councilmember Medina said learning from past experiences is important, with no questions unanswered.

Alan Lubke, Fleetwood Dr. asked the proposed methods of financing.

Director Jackson said the options have not been narrowed down but possibilities include parcel taxes, sales tax overrides, utility taxes, general obligation bonds, special districts, certificates of participation and redevelopment. She indicated sales tax override or parcel tax are choices.

Councilmember O'Connell said the Library Foundation would be financing \$5000. **Councilmember O'Connell** introduced the resolution for adoption and passed with a unanimous vote.

c. Receive Oral Report on the Status of Current Development Projects.

Interim Community Development Director Akin gave a detailed oral overview of the development projects in San Bruno.

Councilmember Ruane asked what the intentions for the vacant lot across from the new Glenview Project, which he believed was owned by Caltrans.

Director Akin said he would get the information.

Vice Mayor Ibarra commented on improvements at the San Bruno Golf Course. He also asked if residents have been informed of the ongoing construction at the Carl Sandberg site. **Director Akin** said they have various people going to the site every day. The developer is sending monthly notices that show impacts to the community. **Vice Mayor Ibarra** asked about the truck routes. **Director Akin** said trucks coming in go down Evergreen; trucks going out go down Maywood.

Alan Lubke, Fleetwood Dr., referenced the first three developments in the oral presentation and asked what were the proposed traffic improvements?

Director Akin said Treetops has a small snake road at Highland, which will be improved, and the access road off of Skyline will be pushed south to allow more room for cars to turn right. Glenview Terrace and Skycrest will have median improvements, which will restrict site access.

Walter Bird, Crestmoor Dr. asked about the height of the proposed hotel.

Mayor Franzella replied, in a previous ballot measure, the voters and the airport approved 7 stories or 90 feet.

d. Set Date and Time to Interview Applicants for Vacancies on Traffic, Parking & Safety Committee, Personnel Board and Citizens Crime Prevention Committee.

Mayor Franzella set the date for interviewing the applicants on April 10, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

e. Receive Report on FY 2006-2007 Capital Improvement Program Sidewalk Repair Project, and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding Repair Strategies.

Engineer Davis gave an overview of the proposed sidewalk repair project and asked for Council's questions and thoughts.

Councilmember Ruane asked if the planter strips were the responsibility of the homeowner. **Engineer Davis** said yes, all of the pavement, up to and including the gutter are the homeowner's responsibility.

Councilmember Ruane commented on the quotation of a \$720 fee for 5' x 8' area. He suggested the areas be identified and see where areas could be grouped to reduce the cost to the homeowner and the City. He asked about the newer rubberized materials vs. concrete. **Engineer Davis** said the City had received a grant which would pay for flexible building materials that is well-suited to be used around trees and in the pilot, they will test its resilience on the sidewalks. The material is not suited for driving surfaces.

Councilmember O'Connell suggested staff look at porous concrete made from recycled concrete. Pointing out the area around the School District Office, she noted there has been a lot of grinding and it doesn't look bad and it could alleviate some of the tripping hazards. Just because the City owns the property, she suggested high traffic areas should be the first focus of our attention. Additional items she asked to be looked at included parameters on what the homeowner could do and should do and whether asphalt is the material the City would like used. She questioned the 40 square feet and **Engineer Davis** said this was an average.

Vice Mayor Ibarra asked if we are aware of all the latest methods and materials available. **Engineer Davis** said there are a number of different products, which can accomplish the removal of offsets, and when specifications are written, it is left open for competitive submittals. What the finished product will look like is an important factor. Grinding where there is thick and stable concrete is a good solution. If the concrete is very thin there are limitations. The best solution for anything under $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch is to cut or grind.

Vice Mayor Ibarra suggested a big ad campaign during the first year so the citizens are aware of the implications of these repairs.

Councilmember Medina commented on the 40 square feet being a large portion to give an example. He said he believed the homeowners would prefer cement over asphalt. He said the spray-painting done on the sidewalks could have been an indication to the citizens of an expectation of repairs to come. In reference to the more than 3000 repairs, he surmised the citizens would be required to get a permit, and then do the work and then staff would have to go out to inspect to be sure the homeowner was within specifications and it seems like a lot of work. He said he believed if a segment of sections of the community were worked on at one time, everything would become cheaper. He felt it should be streamlined with less paperwork and less hassle. He asked if trees could have a barrier to prevent the roots from damaging the cement.

Councilmember O'Connell asked if the commercial business owner could lease away their responsibility. **City Attorney Thompson** said the responsibility remains with the property owner. She said the property owner and tenant could come to some sort of arrangement.

Councilmember O’Connell noted in the older part of town, not only are the sidewalks torn up but driveways as well and asked if there was an option that could be given to the homeowners. She asked about funding and if redevelopment funds could be used to offset. **Engineer Davis** said as they are looking into the next phase they are compelling homeowners to participate in the repair. He said staff was planning to come back to Council and go over some of those issues. **Mayor Franzella** pointed out that the City is not changing anything; they are just doing something where they have never done it before. He said he believed the key components to be continuity, easy and it needs to be viewed as the street paving program (ongoing) and a program that has financial assistance.

Interim Public Works Director Chamber said the idea of this program was to make it as user-friendly as possible.

Planning Commissioner Perry Peterson, Scenic Ct. complimented staff on their good job. He shared his expertise as a construction manager, registered engineer and licensed contractor and made suggestions to Council and staff on ways to address the sidewalk repair program.

Alan Lubke, Fleetwood Dr. asked for two appendices, one a question and answer questionnaire so the focus groups can better understand the plans impact on them, the second an appendix with a history of litigation between the City and the citizens in regard to injuries on curbs and sidewalks.

City Manager Jackson said it would be beneficial to have Council work with staff on the sidewalk repair project over the next thirty days and **Mayor Franzella** appointed an ad hoc committee of Vice Mayor Ibarra and Councilmember Medina to work with staff.

f. Adopt Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Jory HR Associates for Labor Relations Services in the Amount Not to Exceed \$45,000.

Human Resources Director Yuki reviewed the staff report and asked for adoption of the resolution.

Councilmember Ruane introduced the resolution for adoption and passed with a unanimous vote.

g. Authorize the Mayor to Send a Letter to State Legislators Supporting SB 613, Reauthorizing \$4 Motor Vehicle Fee.

Councilmember O’Connell introduced a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Send a Letter to State Legislators Supporting SB 613, Reauthorizing \$4 Motor Vehicle Fee and passed with a unanimous vote.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA:

Alan Lubke, Fleetwood Dr., commented on the ordinance regarding solicitors, peddlers and pamphlet droppers. He asked the Police Chief to share with the public what is being done to prohibit the solicitations. He also commented on the crosswalk markings on San Bruno Ave.

Robert Riechel, 7th Avenue thanked the City Manager for notifying the Airport of the shuttles parking in residential areas. He also invited anyone who wished to attend the Citizens Crime

Prevention Meeting of April 12, 7:00 pm at City Hall where there will be a special presentation on how to start your own neighborhood watch block group.

Scott Buschman, Claremont Dr. talked about the nuisance and litter created from the solicitation of pebbles and papers distributed in the neighborhoods. He felt if this were to be allowed there should be guidelines.

Charlie Miller Ly, San Anselmo Ave., expressed his concerns regarding his neighbors.

Rose Urbach, Euclid Ave., talked about the height limitations of the buildings and the hazards if those buildings exceeding the limitations. She also thanked the City for addressing the street problems.

11. REPORT OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, & COMMITTEES:

12. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Vice Mayor Ibarra welcomed the delegation from Narita.

Councilmember Medina asked for a Capital Improvement Project for the EOC room as well as training for staff.

Councilmember O'Connell said 47 trees were planted throughout San Bruno at the Arbor Day Event.

13. CLOSED SESSION:

a. The Human Resources Director as the City's Negotiator Requests a Closed Session Pursuant to Cal. Gov't Code Section 4957.6 Regarding Direction for Labor Negotiations for the Miscellaneous, Mid-Management and Public Safety Mid-Management Bargaining Units.

b. City Attorney Performance Evaluation (Gov't Code Section 54957.1(a)(6)).

14. ADJOURNMENT:

The Next Regular City Council Meeting will be held on April 10, 2007, at 7:00 pm, at the Senior Center, 1555 Crystal Springs Road.

Respectfully submitted for approval
at the regular City Council Meeting of
April 10, 2007

Carol Bonner, City Clerk

Larry Franzella, Mayor